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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

**National Park Service** 

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Notice of Inventory Completion: History Colorado, formerly Colorado Historical Society, Denver,

 $\mathbf{CO}$ 

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** History Colorado has completed an inventory of human remains in consultation with the appropriate Indian tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations, and has determined that there is no cultural affiliation between the human remains and any present-day Indian tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations. Representatives of any Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to request transfer of control of these human remains should submit a written request to History Colorado. If no additional requestors come forward, transfer of control of the human remains to the Indian tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations stated in this notice may proceed.

**DATES:** Representatives of any Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to request transfer of control of these human remains should submit a written request with information in support of the request to History Colorado at the address in this notice by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE **FEDERAL REGISTER**].

**ADDRESSES:** Sheila Goff, History Colorado, 1200 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203, telephone (303) 866-4531, email sheila.goff@state.co.us.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American

Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003, of the completion of an inventory of human remains under the control of History Colorado, Denver, CO. The human remains were removed from El Paso County, CO.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3003(d)(3) and 43 CFR 10.11(d). The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of the Native American human remains. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

## Consultation

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by History Colorado professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River Reservation, Wyoming; Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma (previously listed as the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma); Comanche Nation, Oklahoma; Jicarilla Apache Nation, New Mexico; Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma; Mescalero Apache Tribe of the Mescalero Reservation, New Mexico; Northern Cheyenne Tribe of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation, Montana; Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma; Pueblo of San Ildefonso, New Mexico; Pueblo of Santa Clara, New Mexico; Rosebud Sioux Tribe of the Rosebud Sioux Reservation, South Dakota; Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Reservation, Colorado; Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota; Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountain Reservation, Colorado, New Mexico & Utah; and the Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation, New Mexico. The Apache Tribe of Oklahoma; Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of the Cheyenne River Reservation, South Dakota; Crow Creek Sioux Tribe of the Crow Creek Reservation, South Dakota; Crow Tribe of Montana; Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma; Oglala Sioux Tribe (previously listed as the Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota; Ohkay Owingeh, New Mexico (previously listed as the Pueblo of San Juan); Pueblo of San Felipe, New Mexico; Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation, Wyoming; and Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North & South Dakota were invited to consult but did not participate. Hereafter all tribes listed above are referred to as "The

Consulted and Invited Tribes."

## History and description of the remains

In July 2015, human remains representing, at minimum, one individual were removed from site 5EP7747 in El Paso, CO. They were discovered while excavating a utility trench during the construction of a large subdivision. The El Paso County Coroner ruled out forensic interest and notified the Office of the State Archaeologist, whose staff subsequently removed the remains and took possession of them. The individual had been buried at depth facing south in a tightly flexed somewhat upright position.

Osteological analysis was conducted at the Metropolitan State University of Denver Human Identification Laboratory, where it was determined that the remains were of a Native American juvenile between the ages of 11-15. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

## **Determinations made by History Colorado**

Officials of History Colorado have determined that:

- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(9), the human remains described in this notice are Native American based on osteological analysis and burial context.
- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(9), the human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry.
- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(2), a relationship of shared group identity cannot be reasonably traced between the Native American human remains and any present-day Indian tribe.
- According to final judgments of the Indian Claims Commission or the Court of Federal Claims,
   the land from which the Native American human remains were removed is the aboriginal land of
   the Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River Reservation, Wyoming; Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes,
   Oklahoma (previously listed as the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma); and Northern
   Cheyenne Tribe of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation, Montana.
- Treaties, Acts of Congress, or Executive Orders, indicate that the land from which the Native
   American human remains were removed is the aboriginal land of the Arapaho Tribe of the Wind

River Reservation, Wyoming; Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma (previously listed as the

Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma); and Northern Cheyenne Tribe of the Northern

Cheyenne Indian Reservation, Montana.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 10.11(c)(1), the disposition of the human remains may be to the Arapaho

Tribe of the Wind River Reservation, Wyoming; Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma

(previously listed as the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma); and Northern Cheyenne Tribe

of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation, Montana;

**Additional Requestors and Disposition** 

Representatives of any Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice

that wish to request transfer of control of these human remains should submit a written request with

information in support of the request to Sheila Goff, History Colorado, 1200 Broadway, Denver, CO

80203, telephone (303) 866-4531, email sheila.goff@state.co.us, by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER

PUBLICATION IN THE **FEDERAL REGISTER**]. After that date, if no additional requestors have

come forward, transfer of control of the human remains to the Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River

Reservation, Wyoming; Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma (previously listed as the Cheyenne-

Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma); and Northern Cheyenne Tribe of the Northern Cheyenne Indian

Reservation, Montana may proceed.

History Colorado is responsible for notifying the "The Consulted and Invited Tribes." that this

notice has been published.

Dated: March 21, 2016

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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